

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
NEW RURAL HEALTH NETWORK
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Application Submission Due Date:
April 13, 2007**

1. I would like to know specifically what type of things can be covered by the grant. For our group (which I have a table) there are some services that are directly given to the patient.

Response: Page 4-5 of the grant guidance indicates the various programs that are supported through this grant effort. The grant does not allow the purchase of direct patient services as indicated on page 5 under Program Requirements.

2. I tried to view the links about the maps illustrating shortage designation maps via DCH GA underinsured counties. I got an error message about this: PAGE NOT found

Response: Please go to:

www.dch.ga.gov

Click Offices

Click Rural Health

Click Primary Care Office

Click Shortage Designations, the maps are located there, scroll down

3. The eligibility of this grant opportunity states that the lead applicant must ... "represent a regional system of care organized by formalized written partnership agreements." What exactly does this mean?

Page 3 explains the representatives of a Network. The Network should have formal Memorandum of Agreements/Understanding or something similar.

4. Our organization is in its 2nd year of operation, does it fall in the 40% indirect cost category?

Response: Yes

5. In order to expand services to meet our local and regional community disparities we will need to have a full time mid level provider. Is this a direct or indirect cost in the proposed project?

Response: Direct; as the mid-level provider will be providing direct patient care/services. However if a mid-level provider is employed for administration the salary would be considered indirect.

6. Our organization's county 2000 census is 42,000. The partnering consortium partners to expand our network are located in counties less than 35,000. Our other partner is also in a county less than 35,000. In order to meet the Rural Census requirement and expand our network in the adjacent communities to meet the primary medical and dental disparities how do we phrase our project and list our partners as the beneficiaries of the project while meeting the 35,000 population cap?

Response: the lead applicant must be located in a rural county under 35,000 in population. An organization whose home is in a county larger than 35,000 is not eligible to apply.

7. "To be considered as new, the Network must not be the recipient of State or Federal funding provided by the Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health and/or HRSA Network Grant Projects since 2000. An attestation is required by the applicant."

Does the above statement disqualify current recipients of DCH grant funding, such as those receiving funds from the Volunteer Clinic grant program?

Response: Being an awardee under the Volunteer Grant does not disqualify. The grants disqualifying an applicant are only DCH and HRSA Network Grants.

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